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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

Detailed Action

1. This action is responsive to communications: Application filed on 10/29/03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Koyayashi et al., US# 2005/0050038 A1.

As per claim 1, Kobayashi et al. teaches “a reception server which is connected to a network including the Internet to receive an access request from an external system connected to the network” (see paragraph [0017]) “access data storing means for storing searchably in association with search condition information including one or a plurality of words and association information for semantically associating the words with one another, access information expressing a location of information to be searched which is specified by the search condition information” (see paragraph [0022]-[0023]) “registration processing means, connected to said reception server, for performing registration of the access information into a database under a predetermined condition, based on a registration request received via the network; and searching

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means, connected to said reception server, for searching the search condition information in the database under a predetermined condition, based on a search request received via the network and outputting a search result which includes the access information corresponding to the search condition information" (see paragraph [0022] and [0025]-[0026]).

As per claim 2, Kobayashi et al. teaches "a link address to a message board or a home page" (see paragraph [0006] and [0012]).

As per claim 3, Kobayashi et al. teaches "wherein the association information comprises a short association word which indicates relation between the words, including apposition, possessive, belongingness, attribution, purpose or relation" (see paragraph [0006] and [0021]-[0022]).

As per claim 4, Kobayashi et al. teaches "wherein the association word comprises: "of", "for" . . ." (see paragraph [0021]).

As per claims 5 and 9, Kobayashi et al. teaches "wherein the association word corresponds to a predetermined association word in another language" (see paragraph [0017] and [0022], wherein Kobayashi's teachings of multiple operating systems includes various language as implied in applicant's claim language.

As per claim 6, Kobayashi et al. teaches "wherein said searching means carries out search by exact matching of search condition information specified by the search request and the search condition information in the database" (see paragraph [0021] and [0023]).

As per claim 7, Kobayashi et al. teaches "information storing means which is

accessed based on the access information and said information string means comprises information registering means for registering information to be provided, corresponding to the search condition information" (see paragraph [0023] and [0024]).

As per claim 8, Kobayashi et al. teaches "wherein said information storing means comprises a message board" (see paragraph [0006] and [0011], wherein Kobayashi's website interactivities is equivalent to applicant's message board).

As per claim 10, Kobayashi et al. teaches "wherein said searching means carries out search by exact matching of search condition information specified by the search request and the search condition information in the database" (see paragraph [0021] and [0024]).

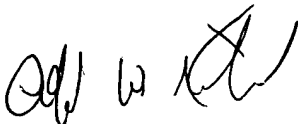
As per claim 11-17, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 1-10 and are similarly rejected.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alford W. Kindred whose telephone number is 571-272-4037. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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